IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Contemporaneous with the filing of this case and prior to calculation of the filing fee, kindly amend as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 11, 13, 23-26, 29, 30, 34, 35 and 37.

Please amend the claims as follows:

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7 (Amended). A method according to claim 1, whereby the culture medium in at least one of the steps further comprises a maturation agent.

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10 (Amended). A method according to claim 7, whereby the maturation agent is abscisic acid at a concentration of between 0.1 and 200 uM.